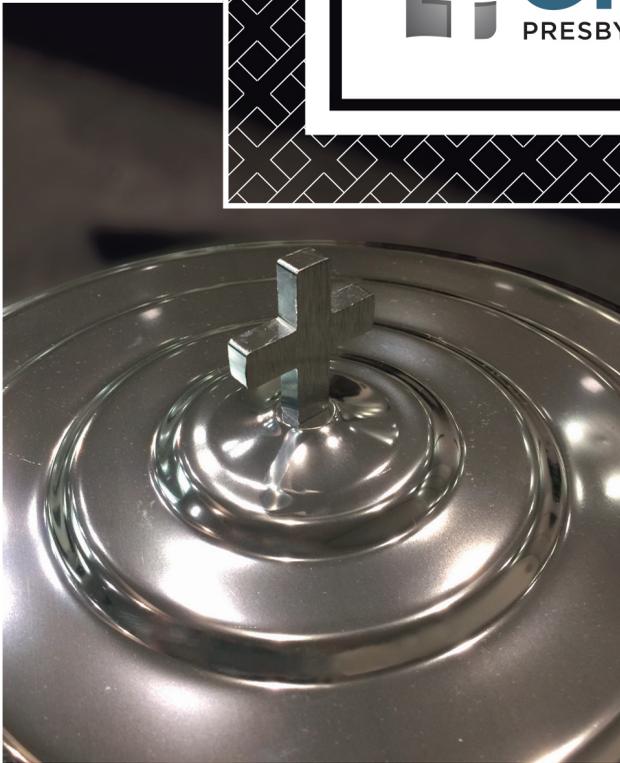




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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

Psalm 65:4

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 27 (p. 793 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek.

Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.

Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

The pastor will read the plain text; the congregation will read the bold text.

Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before his feet, for none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea; with this I venture nigh:
Thou callest burdened souls to thee, and such, O Lord, am I.

Bowed down beneath a load of sin, by Satan sorely pressed,
By war without, and fears within, I come to thee for rest.

Be thou my shield and hiding place, that, sheltered near thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face, and tell him thou hast died.

O wondrous love! to bleed and die, to bear the cross and shame,
That guilty sinners, such as I, might plead thy gracious name! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Father, we believe that your Word is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. Nothing and no one can hide from you.

All: The Tenth Commandment of your Law is, “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Leader: Father, we confess that we have broken this commandment. We have been discontent with what you have wisely and lovingly provided, and we have envied the possessions and circumstances of our neighbors.

All: Forgive us and renew in us a true sense of thanksgiving and gratitude for all that you have graciously provided, especially for the spiritual blessings we have in our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 5:6-9

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Exodus 30:1-10; 37:25-29

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 128

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 27. *What was Christ's humiliation?*

A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Q. 28. *What is Christ's exaltation?*

A. Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the Last Day.

Q. 29. *How do we take part in the redemption purchased by Christ?*

A. We take part in the redemption purchased by Christ by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

❖ *Tithes and offerings may be placed in the box at the entrance to the sanctuary or given online through our church's website.*

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

John 17:1-10

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 9:1-2, 7-11])

Hymn 48

O Lord Most High, with All My Heart

O Lord Most High, with all my heart
Your wondrous works I will proclaim;
I will be glad and give you thanks
And sing the praises of your name.

The Lord, the everlasting King,
Is seated on his judgment throne;
The righteous Judge of all the world
Will make his perfect justice known.

Jehovah will a refuge prove,
A refuge strong for all oppressed,
A safe retreat, where weary souls
In troubled times may surely rest.

All they, O Lord, that know your Name
Their confidence in you will place,
For you have ne'er forsaken them
Who earnestly have sought your face.

Sing praises to the Lord Most High,
To him who does in Zion dwell;
Declare his mighty deeds abroad,
His deeds among the nations tell. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Altar of Incense”
Exodus 30:1-10; 37:25-29

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav’n he stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by his blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One, O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.

Monday, September 15

Scripture: Isaiah 19:1 – 21:17; Galatians 2:1-16; Psalm 59:1-17; Proverbs 23:13-14

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 17

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

Tuesday, September 16

Scripture: Isaiah 22:1 – 24:23; Galatians 2:17 – 3:9; Psalm 60:1-12; Proverbs 23:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 59

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

Wednesday, September 17

Scripture: Isaiah 25:1 – 28:13; Galatians 3:10-22; Psalm 61:1-8; Proverbs 23:17-18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 60

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Armenia and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, September 18

Scripture: Isaiah 28:14 – 30:11; Galatians 3:23 – 4:31; Psalm 62:1-12; Prov. 23:19-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 61

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

Friday, September 19

Scripture: Isaiah 30:12 – 33:9; Galatians 5:1-12; Psalm 63:1-11; Proverbs 23:22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 62

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.

The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

Saturday, September 20

Scripture: Isaiah 33:10 – 36:22; Galatians 5:13-26; Psalm 64:1-10; Proverbs 23:23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 63

Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

Sunday, September 21

Scripture: Isaiah 37:1 – 38:22; Galatians 6:1-18; Psalm 65:1-13; Proverbs 23:24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 64

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

MISSIONS CORNER

Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.

Ray & Michele Call in Belize

Dave Eby in Uganda

Christ Bible Institute in Japan

The Shepherd's Church in Riverside

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

All: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn*

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” Hymn 168

Congregational Confession of Sin

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love. According to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Wash us, that we may be whiter than snow, for a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Restore us to fellowship with you, that we may walk in the full assurance of your promises, and in the freedom of knowing that you care for us and have brought us to yourself by the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose strong Name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Hymn

“Jesus Paid It All” Hymn 308

Scripture Reading*

Psalm 51

Hymn

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” Hymn 420

Prayer

Sermon

“How Does Your Heavenly Father Want You To Pray?” Pastor Rudy Manrique
Matthew 6:5-8

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn*

“Peace, Perfect Peace” Hymn 702

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit, be to God and God alone!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One in Three and Three in One. Amen.



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